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General Thomas R. Phillips
 St. Louis Post Dispatch
 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Tom:

Stan Grogan tells me that you telephoned the other day in connection with President-elect Kennedy's request that I stay on in my present position. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in this expression of support.

I gather from Stan you were a bit put out about the "U-2 Story" broadcast by NBC on 29 November. So was I. I was approached some months ago with a request that I participate in the program. When I considered the preview they presented to me, I declined to have anything to do with the film and indicated my view that what they were doing seemed to be a disservice to the country.

With best wishes for the holiday season,

Faithfully yours,

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Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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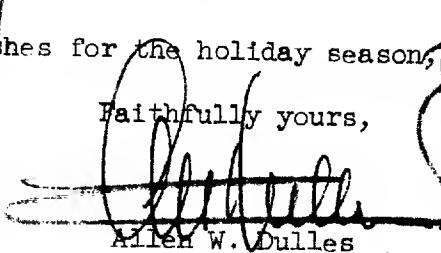
Dear Tom:

Stan Grogan tells me that you telephoned the other day in connection with President-elect Kennedy's request that I stay on in my present position. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in this expression of support.

I gather from Stan you were also a bit put out about the "U-2 Story" broadcast by NBC last November 29th. ~~I too was sorry to see that you had had anything to do with this production.~~ When I was approached some months ago with a request that I participate in the program, I declined, and informed the people who were planning to put it on that I could see no point in the production, and I thought they were doing a disservice to the country ~~in relaunching this matter at this time.~~

With best wishes for the holiday season,

Faithfully yours,


Allen W. Dulles
Director

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8 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. General Tom Phillips telephoned today to offer you his congratulations upon your continuing as Director of CIA. He is delighted not only that you are continuing, but also that this establishes a policy of not changing the head of CIA when a new President is elected.
3. Phillips is quite put out about "The U-2 Story" by NBC on Tuesday, 29 November 1960. He said NBC paid him some \$300 and spent six hours at his house where they had a general discussion of the U-2 and he had about a minute and a half on the air, merely touching on what he had said on the elements of the cover statement. He didn't know how much of the conversation they recorded would be used. He didn't like the presentation, particularly since it was pegged on two points:
 - (1) Make the Eisenhower Administration look bad.
 - (2) Make America look bad because of the inept handling of the cover story.
4. He hopes that you don't think that he participated knowing that the overall handling of the subject was to be anchored to those two points. He said it wasn't worth \$300 to him to have participated in such a sorry picture.

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STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

cc: DDCI

7 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. A print of the U-2 film shown on NBC TV on Tuesday, 29 November 1960, is in Graphics Register. Anyone interested in setting up a showing should communicate with [redacted]

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STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

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TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	INITIALS	DATE
1	Colonel Grogan	SJG	12/15/60
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ACTION	DIRECT REPLY	PREPARE REPLY	
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Remarks:

Stan:

I am not sure if [Redacted] talked to you about the attached letter from Tom Phillips and the boss has asked for your views. He said, as written, it is not exactly what he believes we should say.

*Jack - I like the letter
Stan JSE*

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FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.

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